St. Paul Lutheran Church



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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

21 May, 2023

Welcome! *Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth.* On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "The hour" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "that they may be one" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together "with one accord" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "Devoting themselves to prayer," they wait upon the Lord in "the upper room" (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt

Chris Birnbaum-recovering

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Evelyn Kaiser

Judy Kalbas-recovering

Naomi McDonald (daughter of Rev. David & Kathy

Mumm)

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Dwayne Muzny-recovering from surgery (friend of Susie

Maass)

Keeley Schautschick-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy

Kalbas)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins. Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthiietz)

Leonard Boriack (friend of the Schautschick family)

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law

of Christi Bradford)

Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)

Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and

Marilyn Miertschin)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann

Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy

Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso

Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York

 ${\it Jacob~Knapp~(cousin~of~Mark~Gruetzner,~son~of~Nathan~\&}$

Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport,

Rhode Island

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning,

Georgia

Thanks for Rain

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

The Order of Service—184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 493, 539, 781 v. 1&2, 650, 728, 623, 924

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 4:12-17
The Sermon: "A Blessed Insult"

The Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Early Childhood Center, Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduates by Kyle & Laurie Kasper.

- The Altar Stand flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Koralyn's 1st birthday by her parents and grandparents.
- The Side Stand flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kim Droegemueller and Elaine Mersiovsky for their 25th years of service to our Lord and St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- ♥ Welcome: Joining our congregation this morning through Adult Confirmation are Sydney Shaver, Cheri Solomon and Steve Solomon. We welcome them as a part of our congregation and pray God will richly bless their affiliation with our congregation.
- The Congratulations to Alyssa Krause and Ross Parker on the birth of a son, Oaklyn Reed Parker. He was born May 17th, 2023. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 ounce. May God bless this growing family.
- Thank You. We deeply appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for our family. Thank you to Pastor Schmidt for the comforting message and to the organist, Jack Wiederhold. Additional thanks to the ladies for serving everyone and to the individuals that prepared the food.

The family of James R. Oltmann

- Thank You. The LWML would like to thank everyone who donated to Organ Grain Train.
- **April Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Serbin Alumni Basketball Game 2023. Mark your calendar for May 27, 2023. A registration form is available in the church office.
- ⊕ Community League Baseball The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Shiner today at Shiner. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, May 28th Serbin will play Sealy at Serbin. Time for this game is 2:00 p.m.
- † LWML Picnic Update: The ladies of LWML would appreciate any baked goodies for their booth at the annual picnic. You can drop them off at their stand before church that day. We will have a Silent Auction this year, so please be sure to check it out!
- Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2023 semester. 2023-2024 scholarship applications are available online at texas wendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14th, 2023. For information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 museum@texaswendish.net . Thanks for your support!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 28th, "A Timely Invitation". Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe. Jesus provides unlimited living water that refreshes us and is meant to be shared. (John 7:37-39). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

May 21 – Easter VII

The demise of Judas (Acts 1:18) confirms death is always the devil's work (1 Peter 5:8). We are not ashamed to resist its enticements, for the sake of both the Gospel and our neighbors. The work of God, on the other hand, always seeks to adopt even the ones the world discards and number every human life among His household (Psalm 68:5-6). Let us be about the Father's business!

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze

Organist- Daniel Krause

Acolytes- Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Mason Becker Assistant- Carson Becker Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf, Trey Fritsche, Mike Krause, Erhan Miertschin, Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm, John Tate

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper, Pablo Rodriguez

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

PreK Graduation – 2:00 p.m. K-8th Grade Graduation – 4:00 p.m.

Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.

Reception

Monday Staff Devotions -7:30 a.m.

All-School Awards Assembly – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions -7:30 a.m. Wednesday Staff Bible Study -7:30 a.m.

Closing School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions -7:30 a.m.

8th Grade "Spotlight Assembly" – 2:30 p.m. Board of Elder's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Final Day of School

End of School Picnic & Fellowship—9:00 p.m.

Next Sunday Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.

Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Acolytes: Tyler Fritsche and Elizabeth Richardson Greeter: Debra Hartfield and Doris Fritsche

129th Annual Serbin Homecoming Picnic

Birthdays: Today – Tillie Zoch; 22^{nd} – Katherine Beeman, Lindsay Maass; 23^{rd} – Haley Henderson, Elaine Mersiovsky; 24^{th} – Rory Schatte; 25^{th} – Louis Doebbler, Helen Gonzales; 26^{th} – Debra Hartfield, Koralyn Schautschick, Emerson Weise. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 271, Bible Class- 15; Sunday School- 40, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 3, Offering- \$28.25.

Offering Last Week: \$20,124.35

| Home: | | Mission: | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| General | \$7,622.05 | Mission | \$315.00 |
| Sunday School | \$28.25 | Lutheran Hour | \$25.00 |
| Lunch Room | \$777.50 | Mission Total | \$340.00 |
| ECC Operating | \$4,528.00 | Savings/Other: | |
| LWML Quilting | \$40.00 | School Fund | \$180.00 |
| School Registration | \$325.00 | Building Fund | \$150.00 |
| Tuition | \$6,083.55 | Scholarship | \$50.00 |
| Received 5/14/203 | \$19,404.35 | Savings/Other Total | \$380.00 |
| Est. needed per week | \$27,230.00 | Total | \$20,124.35 |
| Received MTD | \$67,096.57 | | |
| Est. needed per month | \$118,000.00 | | |

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of James Oltmann by Maurice & Debbie Pitts – \$20.00; by M/M Sherwin Siegmund -\$30.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$50.00; by BEFCO Engineering - \$50.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Carl Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by M/M Keith Oltmann & family - \$100.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00; by George & Virginia Hernandez - \$50.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield - \$25.00; by M/M Doug Jatzlau - \$35.00; by Jerrell & Oranell Dunk - \$30.00; by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by M/M Callan Oltmann - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00; by Lois & John Kalbas - \$250.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Linda & Mark Ehler & family - \$50.00. In memory of Ruth Reinhardt by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Elton Walther by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Melvin & Dorothy Schautschick by Melissa Lehmann - \$100.00. Mission: In memory of James Oltmann by Marvin Lorenz - \$25.00. Lutheran Hour: In memory of James Oltmann by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of James Oltmann by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Elton Walther by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. ECC Operating: In memory of James Oltmann by Patrick & Meghan Lange - \$100.00. School Fund: In memory of James Oltmann by Philip, Rose, Courtland & Libbi Tharp - \$80.00; by Arthur & Laverne Urban - \$100.00. Building: In memory of James Oltmann by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$25.00; by Alton Weiser - \$25.00; by John Tate -\$50.00; by Ronnie & Linda Oltmann - \$50.00. Scholarship Fund: In memory of Gerald Schmidt and Jimmy Oltmann by Michael & Theresa Krause - \$50.00. Faith Lutheran High School: In memory of James Oltmann by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00.

- ➡ SIGN UP NOW for VBS 2023! VBS is June 12th-16th. During Rainforest Explorers VBS, we will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in our lives! Register now online at www.stpaulserbin.org or scan the QR code!
- ₱ VBS Crafts/Snack Sign-up
 Support VBS by signing up to bring items for the week! Please bring all craft items to the church office by Sunday, June 4th and all snack items to the church office or school kitchen on Sunday, June 11th. You can find the sign-up on the church website, scanning the qr code, or posters outside of church. Contact Krista Rodriguez for any craft questions and Kalen Kalbas for any snack questions. Thank you for supporting VBS!

Register for VBS Register for Snacks/Crafts











Seniors 2023 - L to R: Kaleb and Dylan

Graduation

Graduation for the third class of Faith Lutheran High School will be <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 27th at 1:30 pm</u> at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and their accomplishments.

Close of 2022-2023 School Year

Thursday will be the last day of classes at FLHS for this school year. Please pray for the students as they prepare to take finals and pray for our seniors as they graduate. Thank you for keeping FLHS in your prayers and gifts this year! We have been blessed beyond measure!

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 30 to June 1 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$20 - Limited spots remaining!!

June 12-14 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$20 - Limited spots remaining!!

June 19-21 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40 - Wait List Only!

June 26-28 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40 - Wait List Only!

July 31 to Aug 1- Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20 - Limited spots remaining!!

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

Camp Donations Needed

FLHS camp leaders are seeking donations of recyclable items. You may drop off items at FLHS or call (979) 242-2889 to have them picked up. Items needed include:

- Toilet paper/Paper Towel Rolls
- Cardboard big boxes and cereal boxes thick and thin cardboard
- Newspaper
- Plastic bags
- Soda bottles AND the bottle caps
- Yarn

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty and staff for the 2023-2024 academic year! Interested individuals who have secretarial experience or teach <u>any</u> subject area are encouraged to apply, but <u>science</u>, <u>social studies</u>, <u>English</u>, <u>or electives</u> are sought after skills. Applicants may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to <u>kueckn@flhstx.org</u>. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!

The Voyager Voice St. Paul Lutheran School 1578 CR 211 Giddings, TX 78942 Office Phone 979-366-2218

PCheck us out on the Internet at www.stpaulserbinschool.org



for the week of May 21-27, 2023

2022-23 School Year Theme - "Won By One" - 1 Corinthians 15:57

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday ... Graduation Service (K. & 8) - 1:00 PM Spring Musical - 5:15 PM

May 22...All-School Awards Assembly - 2:00 PM

May 23... AR Reward Party in PM

May 24. Closing Chapel Service -8:30 AM AR Reward Party in PM

May 25,...8th Gr. Spotlight Assembly -2:30 PM

May 26...Final Day of School End-of-Year Pionic @ Camp Lone Star 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Dismissal for Summer 2:100 PM

May 27... Alumni Basketbail Game - 12-3 PM

May 28... Serbin Homocoming Pienic

Aug. L., First Tuition Payment due for 2023-24 school year (10-month payment option)

Aug. 16... First Day of School for 2023-24 school year

The Voyager Voice

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Our Mission

"To Educate Children for Life to Witness the Word to the World."

From the Principal's Desk. . .

FINAL NEWSLETTER. . . This is the final Voyager View newsletter of the 2022-23 school year. I hope you've received you're email copy with the various attachments each week and that you've found them informative. Thanks for reading the newsletters faithfully, and look for them again next year.



Check out the updates for next week's events as well as information on various end-of-school year and summer activities!

Have a great final week in service to the Lord! ~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

GRADUATION SERVICE... the St. Paul Lutheran 8th Grade and Kindergarten Classes of 2023 will be honored. at their Graduation Service this Sunday, May 21th at 4:00 PM in the church. Diplomas will be distributed at that time to our six graduating 8th graders and 4 Kindergarteners. All members of St. Paul Lotheran Church, parents, relatives, and friends of the graduates are invited to join us for the service as we wish the graduates the Lord's richest blessings on their future schooling!



SPRING MUSICAL. . .Join us this Sunday, May 21" (immediately following the Graduation Service) at 5:15 PM for the 2023 spring musical. "Livin' Inside Out in an Upside Down World?. Our musical is the story of Zach, a star athlete who, injured before a hig game, learns about humility and sacrifice, and how God's ways are different from the world's ways. It's all

about. . .Cod's truth changing us to live inside out. Be sure to invite your relatives. and friends to join us Sunday afternoon! Remember, students should arrive in their classrooms no later than 5:00 PM to ready themselves for the performance!

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL. . next Friday (May 20th) is the final day of school for the 2022-23 school year. Classes will be dismissed at 2:00 PM for the summer at the conclusion of the End-of-School Picnic at Camp Lone Star. The afternoon bus routes will be available that day to take regular riders home; times will be adjusted to accommodate the earlier dismissal time. All students returning to school from Camp Lone Star should be picked up from school no later than 2:30 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS. . . . to our 2023 Class Valedictorian Grant Oltmann, son of Craig & Melodi Oltmann and to our 2023 Class Salutatorian Kaden Kasper, son of Kyle & Laurie Kasper. We congratulate all six of our 2023 graduates and wish them the Lord's richest blessings during their high school years.



AWARDS ASSEMBLY... We wish to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our Voyager students this school year by holding a special Att-School Awards Assembly next Monday, May 32rd at 2:00 PM.

That afternoon, the students and staff will gather in the gynt as we present a variety of awards to deserving students, including academic, athletic, and participation awards. Parents are invited to attend this special awards assembly, too. We also plan to broadcast the Awards Assembly on Facebook Live and make it available on the St. Paul YouTube note for later viewing by family and friends. Mark

YouTube page for later viewing by family and friends. Mark your calendars and plan to bonor the kids in person or virtually on Monday!

AR REWARDS PARTY. To recognize the accomplishment of our students who have reached their AR Reading goals all year long, we're planning an AR Rewards Party next Tuesday, May 23rd (Gr. K-4) & Wednesday, May 24rd (Gr. 5-8) at Gatti's Pizza in Brenham. Students will be leaving school for the parties at 10:45 AM via the SPS buses. A Trip Notification Forms is coming home with students today with details for the trip. Please sign and return the form next Monday. We're looking forward to lot of fun for our AR readers!

CLOSING CHAPEL SERVICE. . . will be held *next Wednesday*, *May* 24th at 8:34 AM in the church as we close our 2021-22 academic year in the name of our Triune God.

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT Next Wednesday is our final chapel offerings in support if the LCC Confort Dog Ministry. To date, we've collected \$568.95. Remember your chapel offerings next week and contribute generously in support of our worthy project.

SPOTLIGHT ASSEMBLY. . . The underclassmen and faculty of SPS wish to honor our 2023 Graduares (as well as have a little good-hearted, last-



minute fün with them) *next Thursday, May 35th at 2:30 PM* as we hold our 8th Grade "Spotlight" Assorbly in the gym. Come join us as we honor flesse special students and recognize their many accomplishments during their years at St. Paul Lutheran School.

SCHOOL PICNIC: . . . We're looking forward to closing out the 2022-23 school year by holding our St. Paul Lutheran End-of-School Picnic next Friday, May 26th at Camp Lone Star beginning at 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The

Board of Education will grill hamburgers for all tids and adults. Friday was the deadline to return your Pienic Participation Forms and LOMT Liability Waiver Form. Remember, no student or adult will be allowed to participate in pienic activities without these forms on file. Also, parents attending the pienic should



also include payment of their \$10.00 camp activity fee along with submission of these forms. If you forgot to return your form by last week's deadline, do so without fail on Monday!

SERBIN PICNIC VOLUNTEERS

Attention all parent who volunteered to work the PTLS Game Stand at the upcoming Serbin Homecoming Picnic on May 28th—your work schedule is available on the school website under the PTLS tab (an updated copy is also atrached to today's newsletter email). If you have any questions concerning the schedule, contact Tina Summerfield at 713-304-7059. Volunteers are still needed—if you can help, contact Tina.

STUDENT TO SING. . . Keep in mind that our Voyager K-8 students will provide enterrainment at the Serbin Pienic on May 28th. Students should <u>assemble at the pavillon to sing at 2:00 PM</u>. See you then!

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER... Our wish for you at the close of the school year is that you have a very happy, safe, healthy, and Christ-filled summer vacation. For those members of our school family—students, parents, and faculty—who will

not be returning to St. Paul Lutheren in August, may the Lord continue to bless you and keep you safe in His loving arms as we continue to carry out Jesus' call to each of us to follow & serve him and be



his witnesses, ever trusting in our Loving God, as people who are "WON BY ONE"!

Your partner in Christ, James L. House, Principal

